HOUSE RESOLUTION 224 By Odom

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michael Thomas Walker for his service as Head of the Middle School at the University School of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those educators who have given unreservedly of their time and talents for the benefit of this state's most precious natural resource, our children; and

WHEREAS, one such admirable person is Michael Thomas Walker, who has served with distinction as Head of the Middle School at the University School of Nashville since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker received his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Western Michigan University in 1984 and his Master of Education degree in Education Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1989; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Honors College, Mike was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and a recipient of the Waldo Sangren and Western University Academic Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, from 1976-1986, he was a Camp Coordinator at Camp Armarac in Mexico City, Mexico during the summer, and taught in the Upper School at the American School Foundation in Mexico City from 1984-1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker worked as the Coordinator of the Teacher Cadet Program at the University of South Carolina from 1987-1988, and from 1988-1993 taught at the Hammond

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School in Columbia, South Carolina and as Head of the Middle School during part of his stay there; and

WHEREAS, as Head of the Middle School at the University School of Nashville for the past four years, Mr. Walker has been supportive of the creativity and talents which are characteristic of the School students. He is a positive leader who is interested in devoting every effort to equipping his students with the tools for success; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, Mike Walker is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his lovely wife, Wendy, and their children, Christopher and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, he is well liked by the student, faculty and parents of the University School of Nashville, and will be dearly missed upon his departure for the Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize Michael Thomas Walker for his outstanding contribution to the University School of Nashville and its students; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize Mr. Michael Thomas Walker for his alacritous service to the Nashville community and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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